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FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARIES VEST AND MAYNES FROM AMBASSADOR

BUCHAREST FOR AMB YOUNG

PASS WHITE HOUSE FOR BRZEZINSKI

E. O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PORG, YO
SUBJ: PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE TO YUGOSLAV CHAIRMAN OF
BELGRADE NAM MEETING

1. FOREIGN AFFAIRS UNDER SECRETARY LONCAR APPROACHED ME AT DINNER FOR AMB YOUNG LAST NIGHT TO ASK ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF A PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE TO THE YUGOSLAV FOREIGN SECRETARY AS CHAIRMAN OF THE NONALIGNED FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING OPENING HERE JULY 25. NOTING THAT HUA KUO FENG WILL, AMONG OTHERS, SEND GREETINGS, LONCAR SAID THAT A MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT CARTER COULD SIGNIFICANTLY STRENGTHEN THE HAND OF THE MODERATES, AND THAT GOY THEREFORE VERY MUCH HOPED TO RECEIVE SOMETHING. LONCAR EMPHASIZED TO ME THAT NO MATTER WHAT THE USG DECIDES TO DO, THE GOY DEVOUTLY HOPED IT WOULD NEVER BECOME PUBLIC KNOWLEDGE THAT WE HAD BEEN ASKED TO SEND A MESSAGE.

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2. SINCE THE ESSENTIAL ORIENTATION OF THE MOVEMENT IS UNDER CUBAN CHALLENGE, ANY MOVE BY THE US WOULD NEED TO BE CAREFULLY DRAWN TO AVOID CUBAN OR OTHER CHARGES OF "MEDDLING," OR CLAIMS THAT YUGOSLAVS AND OTHER MODERATES ARE IN THE US POCKET. EQUALLY, WE WILL NEED TO AVOID LANGUAGE WHICH RISKS OUR ANOINTING ANY STATEMENT OR ACTION COMING OUT OF THE CONFERENCE THAT WE WOULD NOT FAVOR. NEVERTHELESS, I BELIEVE WE CAN AVOID

THESE PITFALLS WHILE STRENGTHENING THE HAND OF THOSE WE ARE
SO ANXIOUS TO SEE SUCCEED NEXT WEEK.

4. A SUGGESTED TEXT FOLLOWS: DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN:
ON THE OCCASION OF THE OPENING OF THE 1978 BELGRADE CONFERENCE
OF NON-ALIGNED FOREIGN MINISTERS I CONVEY TO YOU, AS HOST,
MY BEST WISHES FOR A SUCCESSFUL MEETING. THE NON-ALIGNED MOVE-
MENT HAS PLAYED, AND SHOULD CONTINUE TO PLAY, A SIGNIFICANT
ROLE IN THE PURSUIT OF SOLUTIONS TO A HOST OF PROBLEMS
THAT HAVE LONG STOOD IN THE WAY OF A BETTER LIFE FOR ALL MAN-
KIND. THE LONGING FOR A WORLD AT PEACE, THE DESIRE FOR A LIFE
FREE OF WANT, AND THE LOVE OF JUSTICE ARE NOT THE UNIQUE
PROPERTY OF ANY IDEOLOGY OR POLITICAL, SOCIAL, OR ECONOMIC
SYSTEM, BUT THE COMMON HERITAGE OF ALL PEOPLES AND NATIONS.
AS YOU AND YOUR COLLEAGUES SEARCH FOR WAYS TO TURN THOSE HOPES
AND DREAMS INTO REALITY YOU CARRY WITH YOU THE UNDERSTANDING
OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE. END TEXT.

5. I HAVE DISCUSSED THE POSSIBILITY OF A MESSAGE WITH
AMBASSADOR YOUNG WHO, WHILE HE HAS NOT SEEN THE TEXT,
SUPPORTS THE CONCEPT OF A PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE.
EAGLEBURGER

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